

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-45 are presently active; Claims 1, 7, 9, 29, and 30 have been amended by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-6 and 8-45 were rejected as being anticipated by Kubo et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,828,461). Claim 7 was rejected as being unpatentable over Kubo et al.

In order to clarify the present invention, Claim 1 has been amended to define that a print settings information occurs from the recited print dialogue box and after which the recited printing information dialogue box is displayed. This feature permits a user to confirm that the chosen print settings are indeed those intended for the impending print job.

In Kubo et al, the display of the dialogue box 113 is the first display presented to the user upon which entry of the print settings can be extended or confirmed. Thus, the dialogue box 113 is not equivalent to the recited printing information dialogue box of Claim 1 which is displayed upon a confirmation of the present settings.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1 and similarly presently amended independent Claims 9, 25, and 30 (and the claims dependent therefrom) patentably define over Kubo et al.

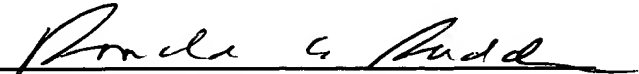
Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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